

Denis Law
Mayor



March 25, 2010

King County Executive Dow Constantine
Chair, Growth Management Planning Council
King County Chinook Building
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Amendment of Renton and Kent PAA Boundaries
to include Soos Creek Park & Trail

Dear Executive Constantine:

The City of Renton is writing to support Potential Annexation Area (PAA) boundary amendments for the cities of Renton and Kent so that all of Soos Creek Park will be inside Renton's PAA boundary.

The cities of Renton and Kent have active annexation efforts underway in South King County, including Renton's proposed Fairwood annexation and Kent's annexation of the Panther Lake PAA.

In the Panther Lake Annexation, Kent and King County agreed that Kent would leave the park out of the annexation and annex up to the west line of the park. With Renton's proposed annexation of the Fairwood area, our PAA boundary currently goes only to the centerline of the Big Soos Creek, splitting the park and Lake Youngs Way Bridge #3109. Soos Creek Bridge #3110 is not in Renton's current annexation proposal and is in Kent's designated area to the south. Expanding Renton's PAA to include all of Soos Creek Park and Bridge #3109 insures that there will not be an unincorporated urban remnant between Kent and Renton if the annexation is successful and bridge facility responsibility is left to the logical municipality.

On March 22, 2010, the Boundary Review Board expanded the City of Renton's proposed Fairwood Annexation boundary to include all of Soos Creek Park and Trail north of SE 208th Street, conditioned on a PAA amendment to be presented to the GMPC. Renton agrees to and supports this change in PAA boundaries, which entails expansion of Renton's PAA to include all of Soos Creek Park and its removal from Kent's PAA. We ask for the GMPC's action on this modification as soon as possible.

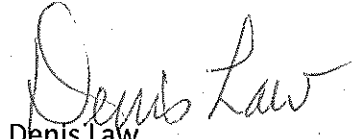
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If you have any questions or clarifications, I hope you will contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis Law".

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cc: Suzette Cooke, Mayor, City of Kent
Lenora Blauman, BRB Secretary
John Hodgson, Kent CAO
Fred Satterstrom, Kent Planning Director
Jay Covington, Renton CAO
Alex Pietsch, Renton Community & Economic Development Administrator
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